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Mr. Cordiano P. Camacho
c/o George Grove, Jr., Esq.
Attorney-at-law
Suite 814, 9465 Wilshire Boulevard
Beverly Hills, California 90212

Dear Mr. Camacho:

Reference is made to the letter of October 18, 1973, from Mr. Grove, furnishing additional information concerning the accident on January 21, 1971, at the intersection of Sunset Boulevard and Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California, involving your automobile, an ambulance owned by the city of Los Angeles, and an automobile owned and driven by Mr. Gene F. Hammel, an employee of the United States General Accounting Office.

You have claimed from the United States damages in connection with this accident in the amount of \$4,207.09, comprised of \$207.09 for damages to your automobile, and \$4,000 for pain and suffering attendant to your personal injuries. The letter of October 18, 1973, states that you suffered no loss of wages as a result of time absent from work because of the accident, and other evidence in the file indicates that you lost no time from work by reason thereof.

In support of your claim, you have submitted an estimate from the Art Levin Auto Service in the amount of \$207.09 for repairs to your automobile required by the accident. You have not complied with our request for at least one other estimate of the damage. Also, you have submitted a statement from the South Culver Professional Group, Culver City, California in the amount of \$507.50 for professional services (visits to the chiropractor and therapy) allegedly required by you because of injuries suffered in the accident. Hence, you have alleged damages attributable to this accident in the total amount of \$714.59.

A review of the evidence submitted in this case indicates that you suffered no permanent injuries or broken bones because of the accident and were not hospitalized, but received therapy treatments from the South Culver Professional Group on an outpatient basis. You lost no wages as a result of time absent from work as a result of the injury. Your injuries apparently consisted of a moderate bruising and shake-up resulting in alleged back and neck pain, which pain was alleviated by therapy treatments and has now largely passed away. We thus believe that \$500 is a reasonable amount for pain and suffering.

[Claim for Damages Resulting From Traffic
Accident]

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In view of the above, we are prepared to offer you \$1,214.59 in final settlement of your claim. This amount includes the item of damage referred to hereinabove, together with an allowance of \$500 for pain and suffering.

If you are willing to accept \$1,214.59 in final settlement of your claim, please sign the enclosed Standard Form 1145. Please return the executed form to the Budget and Finance Branch, Office of Administrative Planning and Services, United States General Accounting Office, 441 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20548.

Section 2672 of title 28, United States Code, which authorizes the settlement of claims of the type here involved, provides that:

"The acceptance by the claimant of any such award, compromise, or settlement shall be final and conclusive on the claimant, and shall constitute a complete release of any claim against the United States and against the employee of the government whose act or omission gave rise to the claim, by reason of the same subject matter."

In view thereof, acceptance of this offer in the amount of \$1,214.59 will constitute a complete release to the Government and to Mr. Hammel from any further liability to you for your damages arising from the accident here involved.

Nothing contained herein shall constitute evidence or an admission of liability on behalf of the United States.

Sincerely yours,

Paul G. Daniels

For the Comptroller General
of the United States

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